

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SOUTH CAROLINA WHITMORE SCHOOL
501 Commerce Drive NE
Columbia, SC 29223

September 9th, 2021

Call to order

Shennice Cleckley called the virtual meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Attendance:

Shennice Clackley, Board Chair; Roger Sears, Secretary; Elizabeth Vice, Treasurer; Nancy Mandlove, Board Member; Kim Dunbar, Executive Director; Ebone Adams, Principal; Michelle Bishop, Director of Compliance; Annette Havens, Director of Teacher Quality and Support; Susan Herring, Director of Human Resources; Amber Goff, Director of School Counseling; Katelyn Thomas, Administrative Assistant.

Public comments

None

Approval of minutes - 6/10/2021 and 8/9/2021

Nancy Mandlove made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from June 10th, 2021 and August 9, 2021, Antonio Simon, 2nd the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Chair's report-board vacancy

Shennice Cleckley stated she has talked with someone who is interested in becoming part of the board of directors, Stig Rasmussen. Stig introduced himself, his background and why he is interested in being a part of SCWS.

Elizabeth made a motion to appoint Stig Rasmussen to the Board of Directors of SCWS. No objections. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Financial update - FY21 final budget, CSI rollover funds, current finances

Andrew Cilone and Maria Head, from Prestige School Solutions, presented the August financials. The finances are right on track for this point in time in the school year. The 45 Day Count, the 135 Day Count, and the ADM were explained further to those who were new to the board.

Principal's report

Ebone Adams shared the statistics for the SCWS graduating class of 2021. SC Whitmore

School had 150 student graduates in 2021, compared to the 133 students in 2020. The Class of 2021 scholarship total was \$775,000. The SCWS graduation rate was 58%, however, the official number will not be available until October. Also, Ebone explained the use of COVID excuses, which has required documentation.

Executive Director's report

Kim Dunbar shared that our August teacher and staff in-service was very successful. The transition to our new platform and curriculum were covered. Open House had approximately 100 attendees, as well as a small graduation ceremony for 7 graduates. The Book Fair was a great success, bringing in \$1,000 in sales. SCWS recognized Jean Redfearn, who has been in education for over 50 years.

The first meeting for E-sports for the students, that had over 30 participants attend. The school has received great feedback from parents and students regarding the new platform and curriculum. The new platforms have allowed more communication between the students and teachers. SCWS continues to market the school through Hulu, Spotify, social media, and Adroll.

Kim has been attending training and bootcamps for topics in finances and federal programs. She is also currently serving on two advisory boards with the district about access, equity, and legislative policies. She explained the school is offering free virtual mental health counseling for our students, teachers, and staff.

Other business

Shennice asked for an estimate for how much it would cost the board to provide internet service for our students in need and the possibility of partnering with corporations to help fund this project.

Adjournment

Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by the unanimous vote.

Upcoming Events:

SCWS Board Meeting: Thursday, December 9th, 2021 at 9am

Location: SCWS office (501 Commerce Drive NE Columbia, SC, 29223)